



# CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Incident Information Fact Sheet



**Incident Name:** Snow Creek

**Incident Location:** Snow Creek @ Fall Creek, Palm Springs

**Type of Incident:** Horse Rescue

**Incident Number:** 9433

**Date Reported:** 04/03/2016

**Time Reported:** 10:30 AM

**Fatalities:** 0 **Critical:** 0 **Moderate:** 0 **Minor:** 0 **Non Injury:** 0

**Transported Ground Ambulance(s):** 0

**Loss:** \$0

**Save:** \$0

**Cause:**

**Control Time:**

**Evacuations:** No

**Evacuation Comments:**

### RESOURCES ASSIGNED

**Fire Fighters:** 6

**Engine Companies:** 0

**Truck Companies:** 0

**Specialized Equipment:** USAR

**Overhead Personnel:** 1

**Ambulance(s):** 0

**Water Tenders:** 0

**Utilities:** No

**Red Cross:** No

**Displaced Persons:** No

### CURRENT SITUATION

*(Recent updates are posted at the top of Current Situation)*

On Sunday, April 3, 2016, The City of Riverside's HART Team responded to Snow Creek just outside of Palm Springs for a Horse Rescue. The horses and owners were on a volunteer mission to deliver some equipment to clean up a hiking trail when 3 horses became stuck on the mountain and injured. Mo and Spirit had fallen down a steep cliff and were unable to access the riding trail. Due to the steep terrain, Riverside County Sheriffs Helicopter Star 9 airlifted rescue personnel to the scene. Spirit was successfully airlifted to safety and was returned to his anxiously waiting owners. Mo unfortunately succumbed to his injuries prior to being airlifted. The third horse was able to free itself prior to rescue personnel arriving on scene. The HART Team is based in the City of Riverside and includes Riverside Firefighters, Riverside Police, Riverside County Animal Control, and a Veterinarian. The need for technical large animal rescue was recognized by the Riverside Police Department who partnered with Riverside Fire Department's Technical Rescue Team to implement HART. The HART team has received specialized training in large animal rescue, helicopter operations, and rope rescue. HART is available 24/7.

### COOPERATING AGENCIES

Riverside County

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